

# Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

We hope your child came home from school on Friday chatting non-stop about tips for reducing energy use, ways to spot mosquito larvae, inspiring environmentalists, and one simple way to increase habitats for monarch butterflies. They hopefully had a GOOS notebook tucked under their arms and maybe even dirty fingernails from a walk on the nature trail or having planted a veggie seed. If so, we'll chalk that up to another successful Floral Goes Green experience!

All day long on Friday, students, staff, and parents walked through the hallways, classrooms, outdoor spaces, and the gymnasium to visit exhibits and interactive learning stations all focused on environmental science and increasing awareness and action about real issues impacting the earth. Some of the projects focused on issues close to home, such as an exhibit about the health of the stream on the nature trail, to issues further from Shrewsbury, including the limited supply of fresh water in some communities on the other side of the world and what steps people here in the USA are taking to help. No matter which part of the day your child talked about most, the staff's goal is to nurture their passion for science and specifically, their sense of responsibility to know what's happening to their earth and feel empowered to take steps to protect it. That's the essence of being a citizen scientist!

This enriching day-long experience would not be possible without these three things:

- The commitment and efforts of **Floral teachers and staff** with pursuing inquiry projects with their students and setting up for the day
- The leadership of **Kara Frankian**, Grade 1 teacher, who reached out to scientists, authors, and agencies in the local community to involve them in the event, coordinated with classroom teachers, and planned the scheduling and set-up for the day.
- The support and engagement of many, many **parent volunteers** who guided students groups, led interactive stations, or took the time to join their child's class in their learning experience.

Events such as Floral Goes Green remind us that this is a school community that lives out its core values of *working together* and *maximizing learning* for all. We are so proud of the students and adults that make this school a special place in which to learn together.

Enjoy the rest of your Memorial Day weekend!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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### **Bus Registration 2016-2017- DEADLINE JUNE 30th**

If your child plans to ride the bus next year, we urge you to register him/her now to **avoid the \$50 late registration fee.** Over 65% of riders are already registered and nearly 94% paid using the new and convenient online payment system. Registration and payment must be completed via the Powerschool Parent Portal at the link below:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/transportation/>

### **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

The Floral PTO is organizing the end of the year Staff Appreciation luncheon on **Monday, June 20th**. This is a big event and a favorite day for many teachers! Show how much you appreciate the teachers and staff by signing up to contribute food or paper goods at the link below. Contact Nancy Nelson at [nleenelson\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:nleenelson_99@yahoo.com) with any questions. Thank you for your help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48abaf2ca3fc1-floral1>

### **REMINDER from Dr. Jane O. Lizotte, Principal, Sherwood Middle School**

Sherwood Middle School invites incoming fifth grade students and their parents, as well as students *new to Sherwood Middle School*, to one of two Parent and Student Information Sessions being held on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in the Sherwood Middle School gymnasium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend either the first session, being held from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., or the second session, being held from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tours of the school will be provided by current students, followed by a brief presentation, facilitated by SMS administrators, counselors and students in the school gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 8th!

### **It's Not Too Late to Get a GOOS Notebook**

There are several GOOS notebooks leftover from Floral Goes Green. If your child is interested in buying one, they'll be available until Friday in Mrs. Grossman's classroom. \$1 each.

Thank you!

### **Youth Soccer Clinic at Shrewsbury High School**

On behalf of the SHS Student Innovation Team, soccer captain, Kevin Murphy, along with other high school soccer players, is running a youth soccer clinic at Shrewsbury High School, Saturday, June 18th, from 9am-12pm. Players ages 8-12 years old are welcome to come to Shrewsbury High and participate in drills, scrimmages, and games, and have some fun. The cost is \$30 per player, and all proceeds will go to benefit the Shrewsbury High Varsity Soccer Teams as well as the Leo Murray Foundation, which is a foundation that provides assistance to underprivileged athletes at Shrewsbury High. This clinic would be a great way for youth players to learn more about the game of soccer from experienced high school students, while supporting a great cause. Registration for this clinic can be done online, at <http://bit.ly/1TjEgrZ>, and payment can be made by mail. Please see the attached flyer below.

### **Moving? Not Here on the Last or First Day?**

Please notify the office at 841-8720 if you are moving this summer or know that your child will be absent during the last day(s) of school. Also, if you are aware that your child will not be at school on the first day of school in the fall (August 30), please call the office now so Lynda and Susan can document the absence and notify the teacher. Thank you!

### **Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:**

#### **Fourth Grade Barbecue on June 13<sup>th</sup>: Forms Due on June 1**

Fourth grade families are reminded to send in their completed order form and money for the barbecue to be held during students' normal lunch time on the day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, June 13. Order forms are due to the office by Wednesday, June 1. A copy of the form is attached below.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duck Dash 5K Run/Walk for Camp Wonder**

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 9:00 am at Sherwood Middle School  
Join the fun and walk or run to benefit Camp Wonder!

Camp Wonder is a camp for children with chronic or life threatening skin diseases. All proceeds from the Duck Dash will go directly to Camp Wonder. The entry fee is \$20.00 for registrations received before June 1. Pre race bib pick up at Marathon Sports, Shrewsbury on Friday, June 10.

Please visit the Duck Dash Website:

<http://duckdashforcampwonder.weebly.com/>

Or register for the race at RaceEntry.com

<https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/5k-duck-dash-for-camp-wonder>

**The Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**\*New dates added this week appear in bold print**

May 30	Memorial Day / No School for Students & Staff
June 1 & 2	Last ASAP Class
June 3 / 1:30pm	Opening Ceremonies for Field Day Olympics
June 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Shrewsbury Common
June 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration / 9:30 AM
June 16	Student Council Hosts Open House for New Students / 4:00pm – 5:00pm
June 20	PTO Appreciation Luncheon for Staff
June 20	Information Evening for Parents NEW to Floral this Fall / 6:00pm in the Floral Cafeteria
June 21	Last Day of School / 12:15 Dismissal
<b>August 30</b>	<b>First Day of School for Students!</b>

### **Field Day Dates**

Grade 1: Tuesday, June 7 (raindate: June 14)

Grade 2: Thursday, June 9 (raindate: June 16)

Grade 3: Friday, June 10 (raindate: June 17)

Grade 4: Wednesday, June 8 (raindate: June 15)

**Important Contact Information:**

Office	(508) 841-8720
Nurses, Phone	(508) 841-8729
Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743
AA Transportation	(508) 753-6322 (Please call the school first with bus-related issues)

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

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